

WHEREAS, the School Board reviewed various options regarding the future of Claude Thompson Elementary School on June 14th and June 28th, and agreed to hold two open work sessions with the Claude Thompson community so they would have the opportunity to consider these options and provide their input to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, the Claude Thompson Elementary School community joined together at the School Board open work sessions on July 22, 2004, and August 19, 2004, and during citizens' time at the September 13, 2004, School Board meeting to express their desire to preserve Claude Thompson Elementary School as a part of the African American heritage in Northern Fauquier County, and to urge the School Board to renovate Claude Thompson to a kindergarten through fifth grade school and create equity among the Fauquier County elementary schools; and

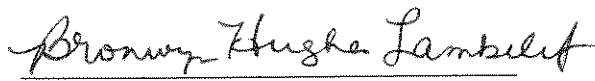
WHEREAS, the School Board voted unanimously on September 13, 2004, to approve the renovation of the existing Claude Thompson Elementary School building to become a kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school, and that the School Board retain the potential to modify the most current rendering as submitted by Rodriguez, Ripley, Maddux, Motley Architects, without compromising kindergarten through fifth grade programs that exist in the remaining County elementary schools, and

WHEREAS, the School Board reviewed the most current rendering submitted by Rodriguez, Ripley, Maddux, Motley Architects on September 29, 2004, October 11, 2004, and October 25, 2004, and modified the concept plan and decreased the cost of the renovation by approximately \$1,249,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors appropriated \$1,572,000 on March 31, 2003, and \$1,572,000 on March 29, 2004, for the renovation of Claude Thompson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, significant community input, detailed cost and program cost analysis and revisions, the Claude Thompson Elementary School Renovation will cost \$6,794,000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Fauquier County School Board on this 25th day October, 2004, That the Fauquier County School Board requests that the Board of Supervisors approve additional funding in the amount of \$3,650,000 to renovate Claude Thompson Elementary School to become a kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school and to bring it into compliance with all current building codes and the Americans with Disabilities Act.


Bronwyn Hughes Lambelet, Chairman